



# Joint Information Center on COVID-19 for the State of Florida

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## Florida Department of Health Updates New COVID-19 Cases, Announces Twenty-Five Deaths Related to COVID-19, Morning Update ~29,356 positive cases in Florida residents and 818 positive cases in non-Florida residents~

**TALLAHASSEE** — To keep Florida residents and visitors safe, informed and aware about the status of the virus, the Florida Department of Health has launched a COVID-19 dashboard that is updated twice daily. Today, as of 11 a.m., there are 30,174 total\*\* Florida cases.

There are currently 335 long-term care facilities with positive cases of COVID-19. The Florida Department of Health has published the list [here](#). The twice daily COVID-19 report also includes information by county about deaths related to staff or residents in long-term care facilities. Of the 2,576 cases of residents or staff in long-term care facilities, 281 have died.

While Florida's testing has increased over the past week, the percent of those testing positive for COVID-19 overall is 10 percent. Of the 21,298 tests performed on April 23, there were 2,082 positive results, or 10 percent.

Twenty-five people have died who tested positive for COVID-19 Broward, Charlotte, Dade, Duval, Escambia, Jefferson, Lee, Manatee, Palm Beach, St. Lucie, Suwannee and Volusia counties.

New Florida cases include:

- 526 additional positive COVID-19 cases (513 Florida residents and 13 non-Florida residents) reported to the Florida Department of Health.
- There are currently 29,356 positive cases in Florida residents and 818 positive cases in non-Florida residents.

Florida recently partnered with private laboratories around the state to expand COVID-19 laboratory testing capacity. This partnership will increase the number of tests conducted each day and ensure Floridians receive the critical health information they need in a timely manner.

Expansion to private laboratories changes the COVID-19 testing landscape in Florida. Private laboratories are running tests as they receive swab samples from practitioners. Testing and reporting times vary among commercial and DOH laboratories. Demographic information may be updated during investigations. These twice daily reports reflect the state's efforts to accurately and transparently share information.

More information on a case-by-case basis can also be found [here](#).

Confirmed Cases in Florida Residents	29,356
Confirmed by DOH	3,263
Tested by private labs	26,093
Characteristics of Florida Resident Cases	
FL resident diagnosed & isolated out of state*	9
Deaths	1,012
Cases in Non-Florida Residents	818
Confirmed by DOH	112
Tested by private labs	706

Total Cases Overview	30,174
Traveled	1,672
Contact with confirmed case	9,243
Travel & contact with confirmed case	1,452
Unknown and Under Investigation	16,989

For more detail on Florida resident cases, please visit the live DOH Dashboard [here](#).

\* Florida residents that are diagnosed with COVID-19 and isolated out of state are not reflected on the Florida map.

\*\*Total cases overview includes positive cases in Florida residents and non-Florida residents tested in Florida.

### More Information on COVID-19

To find the most up-to-date information and guidance on COVID-19, please visit the Department of Health's dedicated [COVID-19 webpage](#). For information and advisories from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), please visit the [CDC COVID-19 website](#), this website is also available in Spanish and Creole. For more information about current travel advisories issued by the U.S. Department of State, please visit the [travel advisory website](#).

For any other questions related to COVID-19 in Florida, please contact the Department's dedicated COVID-19 Call Center by calling [1-866-779-6121](tel:1-866-779-6121). **The Call Center is available 24 hours per day.** Inquiries may also be emailed to [COVID-19@flhealth.gov](mailto:COVID-19@flhealth.gov).

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